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case the Government will use their good offices to call upon the employers to implement the recommendations of the Committee? If not, may I know why the Government do not wish to follow this tradition? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The implementation of the recommendations of the Tripartite Committee is one thing. A strike is a differrent thing. A strike may be legal and a strike may be illegal. But in this case, the Labour Officer has advised the workers that the strike was not within the four corners of the law."

Bridges over the Kollegal-Hassanur road

* 1210 *Q.*—SRI K. H. BOMMAN (on behalf of Sri S. C. Virupakshiah): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to construct bridges over the jungle stream which cut across the Kollegal-Hassanur road and if so, the estimated cost of each?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for construction of culverts at a cost of Rs. 32,000 in mile 12/7, 13/1 and 1407 of the Kollegal-Hassanur Road."

Steel plant for Salem

* 1211 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government submitted any scheme to the Soviet Delegation for the setting up of a steel plant in Salem and Vriddhachalam area of Madras State on 20th December 1954;

(*b*) if so, what were their suggestions; and

(*c*) whether the scheme will be included in the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The delegation came with specific terms of reference made to it by the Government of India which did not provide for the presentation of any scheme by the State Government. It came to see things for itself and get information which was furnished on the availability of iron ores and facilities for the industry.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) There can be no workable scheme as such in the absence of coking coal."

* 1212 *Q.*—SRI M. KALAYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposals were made by the State Government to the Central Government for opening a steel plant in the district of Salem;

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(b) if so, what they are; and

(c) what reply was received from the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) A request was made.

" (b) & (c) The Government of India were requested to arrange for an expert study of the possibility of an iron and steel project in South India and to include the scheme as a Centrally sponsored one in the next Five-Year Plan. They have replied that the question will be considered after large scale mining of lignite is started and carbonized lignite can be made available for reduction of iron ore."

* 1213 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government urged the Union Government to examine fully the suitability of Salem for the location of a steel plant;

(b) whether a copy of the memorandum submitted by the Parliament Members of Tamil Nad to the Union Government has been received by the State Government suggesting the location of a steel plant in Salem;

(c) whether the Government have suggested to the Union Government that the coal available from Neyveli Project can be transported by rail to Salem under local development works for the use of the proposed steel plant; and

(d) what are the intentions of State Government with regard to a steel plant in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) Yes, but the Government of India pointed out that the question of utilizing carbonized lignite could be considered only after large scale regular mining of Lignite was started and carbonization was found economically feasible.

" (d) The Government are anxious to set up an iron and steel industry in South India and the matter will be pursued and taken up at this appropriate time."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" சோவியத் டெலிகேஷன் இங்கு வந்திருந்தபோது 'காபினட்' சார்பாக பல மந்திரிகள் அவர்களை கண்டு பேசினார்கள். அதற்கு மறுநாள், கனம் கிருஷ்ணமாச்சாரி அவர்கள் இந்தவிதமான 'ஸ்டீல் பிளான்டை' நிறுவுவதற்கு சேலத்தில் வசதியில்லை என்று சொன்னதாகப் பத்திரிகைகளில் பார்த்தோம். இங்குள்ள வசதியைக் கொண்டு, இந்தப் பிரதேசத்திலே 'ஸ்டீல் பிளான்டை', நிறுவ வேண்டும் என்று இங்குள்ள மந்திரிகள் யூனியன் மந்திரியிடம் வற்புறுத்தியதுண்டா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" மத்திய அரசாங்க யூனியன் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னதாகச் சொல்லப்படும் விஷயத்திற்கும், இப்போது இருக்கின்ற நிலைமைக்கும் முறண்பாடு இல்லை என்று நான்